

DANIELA SALINAS



DANIELA'S STORY

Daniela struggled to find child care that was both affordable and accommodating to her busy schedule. A month after her son was born, she enrolled in classes to pursue a degree in business and psychology.

As a single mother with no family support, she relied on child care - sometimes from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Several times Daniela had to drop classes or completely change her schedule because of her son's child care. Some professors understood her struggle, while others did not. Despite this, she graduated with her bachelor's degree, and she's currently pursuing her Master's in Social Work.

Daniela is the President and Founding Member of the Students Raising Children student organization at UTSA, which created the Lil' Roadrunners downtown campus child care program. She is an advocate for providing affordable child care options on college campuses and is also passionate about raising the wages of early childhood educators and reducing other barriers to single parents receiving an education.

CHILD CARE STATS IN TX

Millennial parents in Texas spend on average 38.5% of their income on center-based child care for one infant.

In Texas, single parents pay 36.6% of their income for infant center care.

There are 1,345,519 children under the age of 6 in Texas who could be in need of child care.

Congressional Requests: 2018

Provide a \$1 billion increase for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) in FY 2019. These new funds will help hundreds of thousands of low-income children gain access to high-quality care and help states better meet the needs of families.

Co-sponsor the Child Care for Working Families Act. This legislation would more than double the number of children eligible for assistance under CCDBG, and support the child care workforce.